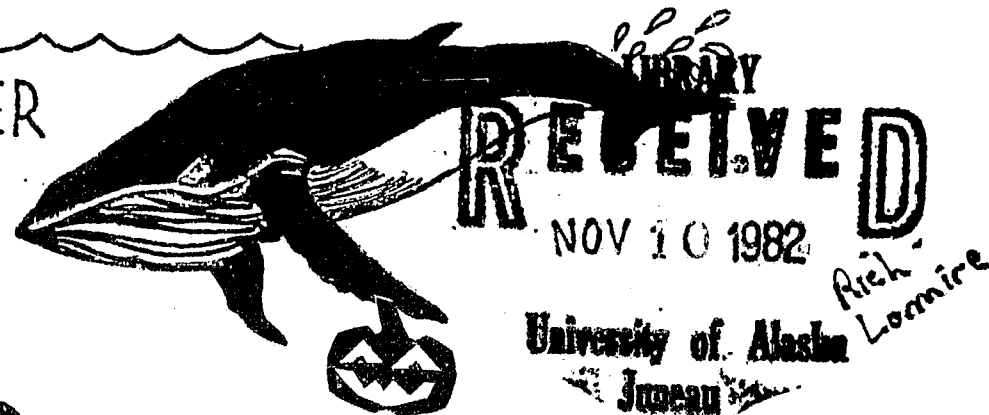


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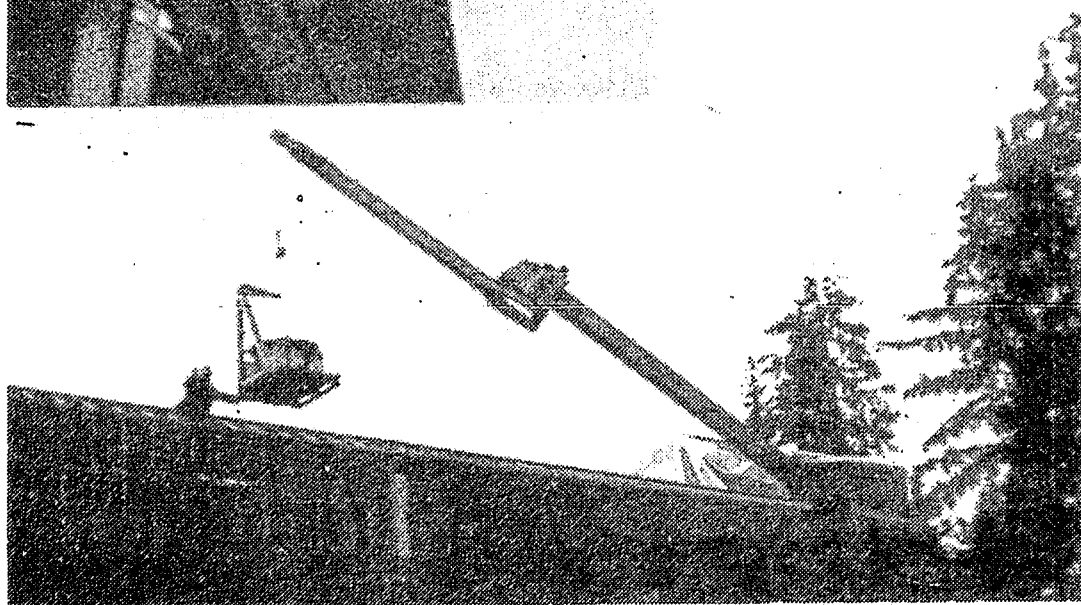


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## This Ain't No Fish Story



A flood and fire, no heat for three months, and constant noise pollution are just some of the construction problems which have plagued the Fisheries Building recently.



*Happy*

*Halloween!*



## Ballots Disappear From Ray Center

All student election ballots at the Bill Ray Center--still unmarked--mysteriously disappeared, eliminating at least half of the expected votes.

The election ran for three days, October 5-7, and since no ballots were received from the BRC, it is assumed the ballots disappeared the first day.

An employee at the BRC said, "We laid the pile of ballots in the hall on the student table with a note to return them to the office. None were returned to the office and they all disappeared. There are so many people coming in and out of here anymore; maybe somebody grabbed them for scratch paper."

No individual, official or organization has claimed responsibility for supervising the election at the BRC. There is no explanation as to why new ballots were not available the following two days of the election.

## HOUSING HAUNTS STUDENTS

"A housing crunch has hit the University of Alaska-Juneau, according to officials."

Housing Crunch Hits UAJ  
JUNEAU EMPIRE, pg. 1, 8/4/81  
Empire Staff

"Of student government major goals, THE GOAL is to get adequate student housing. Student housing now includes a grand total of 14 beds, 4 of which are in one room and one of those is in a closet."

Laura Brady in "Laura Brady Explains Student Government Problems and Plans"  
WHALESONG, pg. 3, 9/2/81  
Sandra Schmidt-Cash

"Housing became the number one priority at a September 11, 1981 meeting of the UA Board of Regents committee on Finance and Business Management."

Housing No. 1 Priority  
WHALESONG, pg. 1, 9/23/81  
Sandra Schmidt-Cash

"We applaud the Juneau City-Borough Assembly in general and Douglas Assemblyman John Jensen in particular for reaffirming the city's top priority as easing the areawide housing crunch."

Housing Crunch No. 1  
Priority  
JUNEAU EMPIRE, pg. 4, 9/21/81  
Editorial

### STUDENT COMMENTS:

"We--four adults and two children--lived on a 40 foot houseboat for 2 and 1/2 months."

"He works five days a week, eight hours a day, just for room and board."

"He pays \$350 a month and that's just for a room."

"I'm a little bit hysterical about money."

"Three graduate students are living in a friend's pickup camper."

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# Editorials

## Blue funk disease reaches epidemic proportions

BLUE FUNK disease has been diagnosed with varying degrees of virulence among sectors of the UAJ student population. Major symptoms of this disease include: skipped classes, cold extremities, lack of student enthusiasm for course content, poor grades and tension headaches.

Research conducted by enterprising members of the WHALESONG staff enabled us to isolate some of the atmospheric conditions in which BLUE FUNK germs flourish.

Our first major clue in the research process came when one of the brightest members of our staff noticed that several stricken students seemed most often to be found in clusters in and about certain classrooms. This observation led us to believe that BLUE FUNK germs

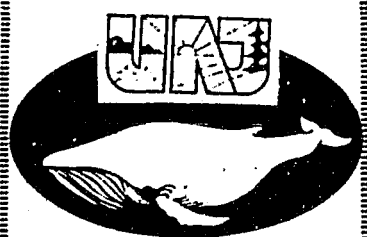
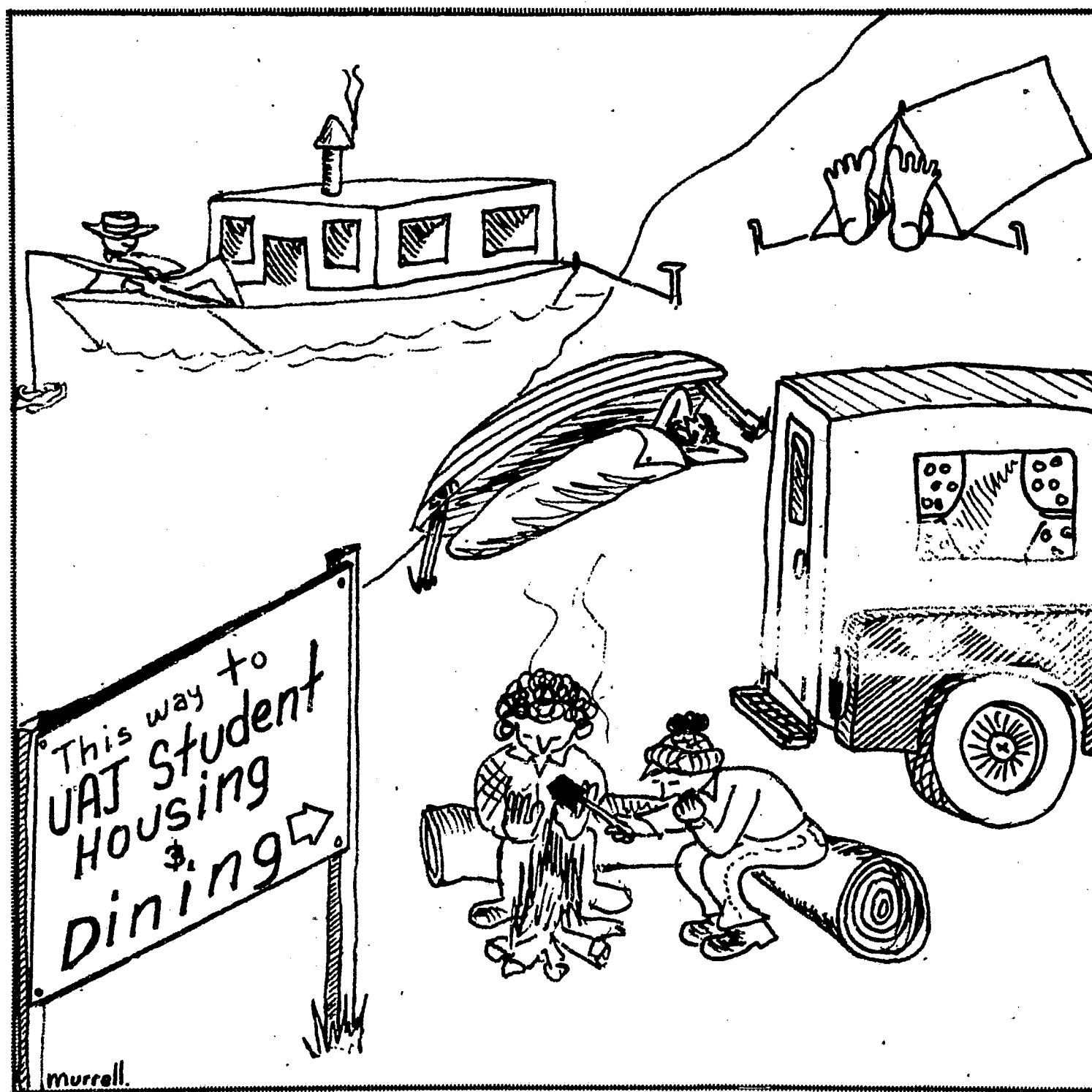
must lurk in the walls of certain classrooms. The "lurk in the walls" hypothesis did allow us to account for the cause of one of the BLUE FUNK symptoms: cold extremities. Some of the rooms at Auke Lake Campus are poorly heated. Further investigation of the severely BLUE FUNK clusters showed, however, that the occurrence of these clusters seemed to happen at scheduled times.

At this point another WHALESONG staff member decided to become a soldier (risking possible BLUE FUNK contagion) in our battle to promote well-health among UAJ student-kind. Her research tool was the personal interview. The startling results of her surveys led us to believe that certain professors are carriers of the dread BLUE FUNK disease. Identifying traits of

these BLUE FUNK carriers include:

1. Professors who keep their eyes glued to their watches while assuring students that they welcome questions.
2. Professors who refuse to excuse adults for more than five minute breaks during long classes.
3. Professors who refuse to give in to "grade inflation" by awarding any student in their classroom with an "A."
4. Professors who mumble and write lecture guides on the blackboard in handwriting which is impossible to read.
5. Professors? who...

A.M.



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# Guest Editorial By *Karen House*

## Recharge rain-dampened spirits

It never fails. This time of the year rolls around and we all become anxious, grumpy, withdrawn, schizoid, and celibate. There's nothing to look forward to taking our minds off our predicaments. The new semester's glow has dimmed while the relief of the end is still far off. Even Turkey Day is six weeks away. If all this hasn't dampened our spirits the rain has.

Since we're all in this together we need to give each other an extra dose of encouragement. We need more than a painted smile to help. It's a challenge to leave people feeling better as a result of their contact with us. To start we must be aware of our effect on each other.

How do people around you feel as a result of their contact with

you? Do the people at work look forward to seeing you? Does your spouse or best friend leave feeling he or she is a better person because of you? Do your children feel more sure of themselves and more valued? After their contact with you, do other students leave more able to courageously meet the everyday challenges of their classes? Do you find your friends coming to you to be "recharged"?

All of us need to have self-esteem and be considered important and valued. We all want encouragement. We can give needed encouragement by showing confidence to other persons. Listen to the feelings of those around you and respond congruently. Focus on other's resources showing genuine

enthusiasm for their efforts. Help others see alternatives that will combat discouraging beliefs. Encourage commitment and mutual feedback. Be respectful. Last and most important of all, see the humor in a situation.

Granted these are high standards to expect from us but I know we're worth it. If we can be mindful of our "mid-semester blues" and encourage the people around us, encouragement will come back to us. Give some encouragement today. Even though it's almost mid-term time, drizzling rain and the vending machine is broken again WE CAN DO IT!

Karen House is the CAJ Study Center Instructor.



This week's clues for collegiate coping describe How to Get Top Grades--and maybe even learn something. Three of the four requirements are up to you: 1. Basic Study Skills (see last issue), 2. Motivation, 3. Time and Energy, or 4., a System of What and How to Study, I will describe mine. Undoubtedly there are others which work just as well.

The underlying assumptions are that the instructor knows more than you, is willing to share and will adequately reward your efforts. If you get stuck with one of those rare but existent lemons who fail in one of these areas, forget it. Not even "Mother" can make meringue pie out of nothing but a lemon.

1. Psych out the teacher. (The object is to focus your efforts where the expert wants them.)

Are the class goals well-defined, due dates set, reading schedule clear? Are the exam format (T/F, essay, etc.) and grading system defined early in the semester? Inefficient teachers make inefficient students. Encourage the instructor to plan so you can, too.

Do lectures follow the text? If not, why not--are they substitutions or additions? Find out by making some text-based comments or questions.

Is the teaching philosophy geared towards large concepts, technical details, theory or application? Is it better to seek

connections of general ideas and think on your own? Or is the aim precision, memorization and regurgitation?

To discover the instructor mix: analyze text, lectures and blackboard work; check old exams and students; even chat with the teacher!

Does he/she have a sense of humor? Add an amusing and pertinent fact to a required exam answer.

What is the attitude towards class participation? If wanted, but you hate it, force yourself (Toastmasters can really help). If it is discouraged, bite your tongue--but always have one good question ready for the abrupt, "Any questions?"

A very good study clue is the type of questions the teacher asks: rote, leading or key concept.

Is the blackboard used just for doodling? A well-organized presentation takes thought and deserves the same from you.

2. Be a Scout--always be prepared. Try to keep one step ahead of the teacher. Read one chapter more than assigned. During the next lecture mentally compare it and text, take notes only on discrepancies, exam items and things rung in from the following chapter.

A week before the exam make a list of all probable test items. Ask yourself what were the most important concepts and how things fit together. Practice writing

essay answers and skim the text for items overlooked.

Then, put yourself in the instructor's mind and shrink the study list to a few pages. They can't ask you everything, so pick and choose on the basis of you psyching-out. Carry the abbreviated list everywhere. Whip it out at red lights, check-out stands, etc.

Memorizing before sleep sticks better so do one last review and get a good night's sleep before the exam. (Rest and confidence can add several points to your score--all else being equal.)

Afterwards, analyze what you did wrong to find out why.

3. Do extra work. Do all the text or workbook exercises. Repetition is painless memorizing and sometimes items not assigned show up as test questions.

Avoid trite, simple subjects for papers or projects. Look at text and lectures for something that arouses your curiosity, fits your interests or is a little different. Pat Fitzgerald says a history paper can tie into any other subject. The reverse is also true: A Geology paper by a Business major might be the history of "Pretty Rocks."

Then, present it well. An organized talk or neatly typed paper can help a borderline grade.

Stay tuned for the next WHALESONG when the question will be: To Degree or Not to Degree. "Whether 'tis nobler...."



## Ginny Hayes stacks up as UAJ Bookstore manager

by Bobbie Matt

Managing a bookstore means more than knowing which books go with which classes.

For example, it can mean ordering 10,000 bluebooks for a campus with 200 fulltime students, said Ginny Hayes, two-year manager of the UAJ Bookstore on the Auke Bay Campus.

Hayes said the bluebooks are imprinted with the scenic UAJ logo. She had to order 10,000, the minimum for custom printing.

"They will all be used eventually," Hayes said. For now, they share space with the textbooks, art and office supplies lining the walls of the bookstore.

The brown camouflaged trailer on the Auke Lake campus serves as temporary quarters until the new Administrative and Student facility is built next spring.

The floor space is not well utilized because the heavy books must be placed over the building supports to prevent structural damage.

Hayes' eyes lit up when she talked about the new bookstore. "It is exciting to plan the space, design the floor plan and to have input in the overall space" of the new building.

Hayes' everyday responsibility includes ordering textbooks and supplies for students as well as main office supplies for the divisions on campus.

She also supervises the UAJ cashier who is located in the Bookstore. University income such

as registration fees, class change fees and admission payments is handled through this cashier. Student Housing payments end up here after being recorded at the business office.

Hayes has a bachelor's degree in theater from Centre College of Kentucky. She takes classes periodically at UAJ and is currently enrolled in a small business course.

Because of these classes and the Bookstore's involvement in so many campus activities, Hayes said she has an overview of how the campus works. This familiarity with procedures means she usually knows where a student should go to get the proper signatures on university forms, to find a class that has moved or to solve other typical campus problems.

This is "one of the neat main things the Bookstore does," said the vibrant young woman, though the main purpose of the store is to provide textbooks for the campus.

The UAJ Bookstore is designed to be self-supporting. That means all salaries, purchasing and other expenses come out of sales. Hayes attempts to break even on sales of textbooks and other items she stocks such as T-shirts.

"There is a notoriously small discount from the publishers on textbooks," said Hayes, who worked at the Baranof bookstore before taking the UAJ job. "Pricing is a universal problem with all universities."

The problem is magnified for



Alaska because of shipping costs and because the UAJ Bookstore is not computerized. Computerizing would make it easier to order and stock books.

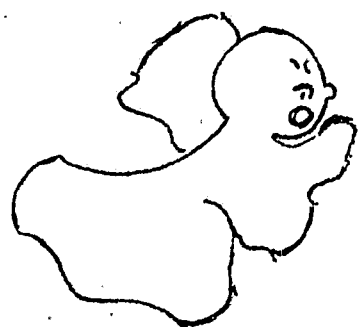
A big problem the Bookstore encounters is not having texts available at the start of classes. Hayes said she can't order books until she receives a notice from the division that wants them. The request then goes to the business office in Auke Bay for a purchase order before being mailed.

The long lead time needed to receive books can cause problems, also. To be safe, Hayes said, requisitions for spring semester books should have been ordered by October 15. However, the proposed course offerings are not due in to the department heads until October 21.

Books are usually mailed library rate which can take ten weeks. If there is not enough time, books are air freighted in. By air it only takes one week, but it costs six times as much.

Students never pay more than the cheapest freight cost even if the books are ordered late, Hayes said. The department responsible for the order pays the extra costs.

Hayes, who said she enjoys getting to know the students through her job, is always looking for different ways to save the campus. She has recently added sandwiches and juice to her sales because the student lounge vending machine is broken.



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# Brady/Andison head UAJ Student Government

\*\*\* Laura Brady was unanimously elected UAJ Student Government president; she has been acting president for several months. Brady is seeking volunteers interested in working through student government to improve and enlarge student options and activities. She said in a recent interview: "A student government position exists on nearly every UAJ committee, including three on the UAJ Assembly and one appointed position on the Academic Council."

Brady may be contacted from nine to five, Monday and Wednesday, in the student government office located next to the student lounge in the bookstore building--phone 789-2101--or by computer ID number JSLJBRADY.

\*\*\* Steve Andison is the duly elected UAJ Student Government vice-president. He has had previous experience as an upper division representative, has done

public relations work and has co-ordinated music. He said "Every officer in the student government will be taking an active part in decision making, organization of activities and the researching of alternative solutions to problems facing students, or directions being taken by the administration."

\*\*\* Mark Sova is the new secretary treasurer. A full-time student, Sova says, "My interest in an efficient government apparatus whether it be the Federal monstrosity or a student government is a personal factor in my desire to be the secretary-treasurer."

Asked what he sees as the main

duties and responsibilities of the secretary-treasurer position, Sova replied: "To try to decipher and organize files and paperwork of the USUJ, to take minutes, type, file, and other duties needed to ensure the efficient operation of the student government. Also, the position will require the proper shuffling of incoming paperwork and outgoing paperwork to keep all students, faculty, administration, and interested parties up-to-date on the present status of USUJ actions."

\*\*\* Ron Heintz and Brock Meredith were elected to the UAJ Assembly. Meredith thinks the position is a "Link of communication between students, faculty and administration, relating student input to assembly members and creating long-and short-term guidelines for the university."

\*\*\* Bonita Nelson and Sandra Schmidt-Cash were elected to be upper division representatives.

\*\*\* Rhonda Bixler and Daniel LeBlanc are the lower division representatives.

\*\*\* Cheryl Collier is the student representative on the WHALESONG advisory board.



## The well-rounded graduate is involved

Is your figure fuller than your job application form? Is your resume barer than Mother Hubbard's cupboard? When prospective employers ask for "other interests" do you have to say hiking or dancing for want of anything more important? If so, there is a solution.

Become the well-rounded graduate by embellishing your chosen field of study with volunteer work in areas of community participation and social involvement. Two such are the UAJ student newspaper and student government.

If you plan to work for anyone other than yourself (especially big business or government) your job application will be enhanced by the

addition of experiences like Student Body Treasurer or Student Newspaper Staff.

In addition to the career benefits of involvement, it is educational, a unique experience and can be lots of both work and fun. Several positions are still available.

If your schedule is too full this semester, come on down to the Student Lounge anyway. See what it is like and plan some participation into next term's schedule.

The WHALESONG's office hours are Tuesday/Thursday 1:00-3:30 P.M. and Student Government Meetings are 11:00 A.M. every other Thursday starting October 20.

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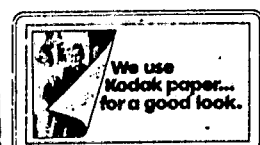
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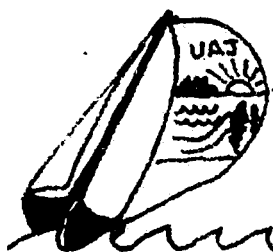
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## In the Wind

October 28 & 29 - How to take tests. (Or everything you need to know to overcome test jitters). We will explore techniques for preparing for tests and how to take tests and how to take tests successfully. Join us to lose those jitters. When & Where: Oct. 28 from 4 to 5 P.M. at the Auke Lake Campus and Oct. 29 from 5 to 6 P.M. at the Bill Ray Center. For more information, call Karen House at 789-2101, ext. 501.

October 30 - Last day for student initiated withdrawals from classes.

October 30 - BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN. Halloween Special! In this horror classic, a masterpiece of black comedy even better than the original, Baron Von Frankenstein is blackmailed into reviving his monster and building him a mate. Starring the incomparable Boris Karloff. Directed by James Whale. (U.S. 1935, B & W) Showtimes are 7 & 9:30 P.M. at the Mt. View Apts.

October 30 - Last day to change form credit to audit.



October 23 - PATHS OF GLORY. In this, the most powerful anti-war film ever made, Stanley Kubrick graphically depicts the plight of three WWI French soldiers court-martialed for cowardice in order to cover up the corruption and incompetence of the High Command. If you liked Breaker Morant, you won't want to miss this film. Starring Kirk Douglas and Adolphe Menjou. Directed by Stanley Kubrick. (U.S. 1957, B & W) Showtimes are 7 & 9:30 P.M. at the Mt. View Apts.

## AFUA May Soon Represent UA Faculty

Representatives of University of Alaska (UA) faculty and administration are in the process of arguing the case for and against formation of a UA faculty union.

The State of Alaska Labor Relations Agency eventually will determine if Associated Faculty-University of Alaska (AFUA) may become the legal bargaining unit of the following UA employee positions: associate and assistant professors, department chairpersons, division directors, instructors, and librarians.

Last fall 60% of the UAF faculty signed cards of expression of interest in being represented by the AFUA. Expression of UA faculty interest totaled 34% statewide.

UAF's Acting Director of the Natural Sciences Division Michael Stekoll is State Secretary of the AFUA. Officers of the UAF campus chapter include Associate Professor of Biology Lyle Hubbard, Public Service Librarian Rochelle Sager, and Associate Professor of Music

John d'Armand.

Organizers of the AFUA sought and were granted affiliation with both the national and statewide chapters of the National Education Association.

Although the AFUA's legitimacy has yet to be determined by the Alaska Labor Relations Agency local union officers are already optimistically singing on faculty as dues paying members.

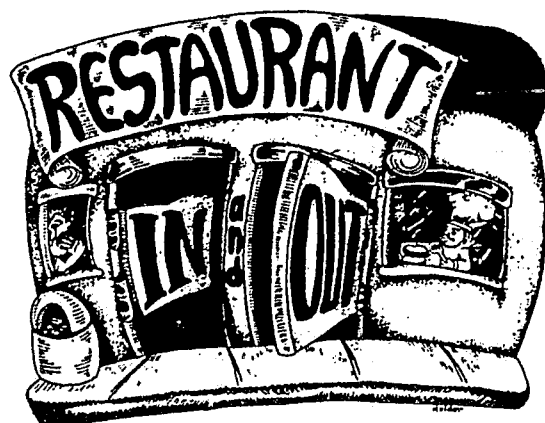
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# The Pod Presents



## First Employee Scholarship

Katie Stewart, staff member of the JDCC Component of UAJ presents the first annual Don Stewart memorial scholarship to Sandra Chafin, left.

Stewart's widow gave the \$1,200 check to a music student "because Don loved music and the money is going to a good cause."

Don Stewart was Regional Supervisor for the Sport Fish Division of Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Chafin has been a music student at UAJ since 1980. She plans to continue studies in chamber music and violin techniques.



Phil Hocker leads two lives: one as Director of the Division of Humanities and Social Services, the other as a stunt pilot. Peacock, as his fans refer to him, may be seen in the film, **THOSE DARING YOUNG MEN AND THEIR FLYING MACHINES**.

Laura Brady, Student Government President, sports a tan from a quick trip to Hawaii. What slush fund does she have access to?

Ole Lyle Hubbard  
Went to the cupboard  
To get his poor dog a bone.  
When he got there  
The bones they were bear  
And  
So was the Fisheries Building  
Until he cleared the air.

How many fields  
Could a Chuck Fields field  
If a Chuck Fields  
Could field fields?  
(To improve diction, repeat aloud five times as quickly as possible.)

W. Russell Jones, known locally as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, can be seen in a newly released movie, **BLAZING CALCULATORS**.

Karen House, Study Center Instructor, recently signed a multi-washing contract to do shampoo commercials for Breck.

Ron Silva, Associate Professor of English, not only owns his own typewriter but has pica balls as well.

Anne Shoemaker, Administrative Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, has been cloned. No one person could do so much work.

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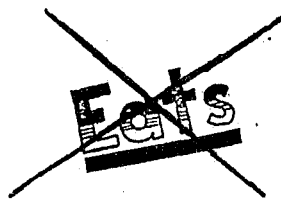
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# BALEEN CUISINE

The new title for this column was chosen early last week in an anguished, emotion-filled session around the dining room table. Evelyn Murrell is the winner of the dinner. The other finalists were "Krill Grill" and "View from the Belly of the Whale." My thanks to all those who submitted titles.

Such hangouts as Juno Maid, P.J.'s and the In and Out are the subject of this week's column. They were chosen for their similarities in menu, clientele and proximity to Univeristy population.

Juno Maid, P.J.'s and the In and Out are all three basically take-a-number, head-em-up-move-em-out fast food fixers. Juno Maid is close to the Bill Ray Center and has a lot of drop in customers, but their basic crowd is high school. P.J.'s is in the Mendenhall Mall, drawing heavily from the Valley and is nearest to Auke Lake Campus. The crowd here is more college/young adult families. The In and Out is in the Airport Shopping Center and draws young adults and a large lunch business from the businesses and construction in the area. The menus are basically the same for all three: burgers, fries, seafood baskets, shakes, cones, etc. If a prankster switched menus on Hallow-

een, I'm not sure if anyone would notice the difference.

They all have electronic games to play; Juno Maid has six, the In and Out seven and P.J.'s fifteen.

It's in the differences and how they handle a cheeseburger that they get their ratings.

The first difference you notice in these three eateries is in size, with Juno Maid being the smallest and P.J.'s the largest. All have hard plastic, uncomfortable seats--designed to keep people moving.

The major difference I found was in the quality of the cheeseburgers each prepared. I went to each, ordered a cheeseburger (requesting nothing extra), and looked around while I waited. Remember I'm rating atmosphere, service and cost as well as the food, so the total rating is not just on the cheeseburgers. Here's how they scored:

Juno Maid: Atmosphere--stark. Cleanliness--medium. Plus--really bright restroom. Cheeseburger--I'm sorry, but three different people bit into it and none could taste the cheese or the burger. They were overwhelmed by the liberally applied sauce. ★★

P.J.'s: Atmosphere--good, well lit. Fifteen electronic games, from

Astro Blaster to Warp Warp, from Dolly Parton to the Black Knight. Cleanliness--O.K. Plus--if you're a regular you can bring your own coffee cup, label it and keep it there. Cheeseburger--a large, fresh, steamed bun unfortunately disguised the taste of the cheeseburger. However, it was family night and the cheeseburger only cost \$1.25. ★★

The In and Out. Atmosphere--just O.K., a little dark, but there is a juke box. (Don't play #255, though.) Cleanliness--not very. Dark carpet, coming loose in one place. Plus--? Cheeseburger--If you're after a real cheeseburger, this is the place. The sesame bun was not bigger than the burger, and if there was any sauce, it did not overwhelm the burger. Not only could I taste it, but it tasted like what I think a cheeseburger should. ★★

Next time: Who makes the best pizza in town--Bullwinkle? Petesa Pete's? Jovany's? Let me know your opinion (before Oct. 27, please) and I'll publish popular opinion along with my findings. (Did you catch the \$2 off-on-any-pizza coupon from Petesa Pete's in the last issue?) Good bye--it's time to eat.



## October Declared

## Recycling Month

Governor Hammond declared October, 1981, RECYCLING MONTH IN ALASKA. In an official proclamation Hammond said, "Recycling many materials is a possible and practical first step that we can take toward reducing the amount of garbage we generate. In addition, recycling benefits us all by reducing litter and conserving the tremendous amount of energy used to initially produce recyclable materials, especially aluminum." Aluminum made from recycling requires only 5% of the energy needed to produce it from bauxite. Waste aluminum, such as an empty aluminum beverage can, requires 200-500 years to degrade if left exposed to the elements.

Special emphasis is being placed on recycling and resources recovery activities in October this year. Communities across the state are being urged to explore recycling opportunities and to make recycling a habit. Although many Alaskans associate recycling only with aluminum beer and soda cans, several

other valuable materials are also being recovered. In Anchorage, high grade office paper is collected and sent South to be made into fresh paper stock. Car batteries and scrap metals are also being salvaged. Several grocers are sending their used corrugated cardboard South to be remade into packaging materials.

Because of the high cost of transporting materials is often an obstacle to profitability, cooperative agreements with barge lines and Lower 48 buyers are being

negotiated with Alaska recyclers. Agreements of this kind may make recycling other materials possible in the future.

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